

# INFORMATION REGARDING YOUR CASE

## Class A misdemeanors

You have been charged with an offense or offenses which include a Class A misdemeanor. Since the maximum penalty for a Class A misdemeanor includes up to one year in jail **the court has appointed an attorney to represent you**. While the court has taken this preliminary step, you also have the option to hire a private attorney or to represent yourself in this matter.

Included with this notice you will find:

- A copy of the complaint(s);
- A Notice of Hearing;
- A Notice of Eligibility for your attorney which contains their contact information. Please contact your attorney immediately:
  - **NH Public Defender, 20 Merrimack St., Manchester NH (tel: 603-669-7888)**

(If you have hired an attorney please ask them to contact the court.)

A NOT GUILTY plea has been entered on your behalf on all charges. Your first court hearing will be a telephonic status conference.

**\*\*YOUR ATTORNEY WILL MAKE CONTACT WITH THE PROSECUTOR PRIOR TO YOUR TELEPHONIC STATUS CONFERENCE.\*\***

If you proceed **without** an attorney, you will need to contact the prosecutor yourself prior to the telephonic status conference to discuss how your case will proceed. The prosecutors for the communities in this court's jurisdiction are as follows:

**For Manchester Police Cases:**

**Does your case involve an allegation of Domestic Violence?**

<b>If <u>YES</u> ,</b> <b>Contact:</b> <b>City Solicitor's Office-Domestic Violence Unit:</b> <b>Email: <a href="mailto:pendingDVcase@manchesternh.gov">pendingDVcase@manchesternh.gov</a></b> <b>Phone: 603-628-6379</b> <b>Mail: Domestic Violence Unit, 35 Amherst Street, Manchester, New Hampshire, 03101</b>	<b>If <u>NO</u>,</b> <b>Contact:</b> <b>City Solicitor's Office</b> <b><i>Preferred method of Contact: send an <u>E-MAIL</u></i></b> <b>to:</b> <b><a href="mailto:pendingcriminalcase@manchesternh.gov">pendingcriminalcase@manchesternh.gov</a></b> <b>Include your full name, the MPD Case # (found at upper left-hand corner of your complaint(s)), and a telephone number.</b>  <b>If you do not have access to e-mail, call: 603-624-6523.</b>
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If you and the prosecutor reach an agreement you may enter a plea of guilty or no contest at your telephonic status conference or at another time arranged by the court. If you wish to have a trial, that will be scheduled for a future date after discussion with the judge at the telephonic status conference.

Please note: If, at the time of your arrest you were released subject to the terms and conditions of a Bail Order, those terms and conditions remain in full force and effect until your cases are finally resolved or, until they are changed by a subsequent Court Order. Should you have any issues with the terms as they have been set, you, or your attorney if you are represented, may file a motion with the court to address those issues after having discussed them with the prosecutor.

The MAXIMUM possible penalties for each charge are as follows:

For VIOLATION level offenses the court may impose a fine not to exceed \$1000 plus a statutory penalty assessment for each offense.

For CLASS B MISDEMEANORS the court may impose a fine not to exceed \$1200 plus a statutory penalty assessment for each offense.

For CLASS A MISDEMEANORS the court may impose up to one year in jail and a fine not to exceed \$2000 plus a statutory penalty assessment for each offense.

\*Additional penalties such as a possible loss of a driver's license/privilege to operate may also apply. If you have any questions about this you should contact an attorney to assist you as there may be administrative actions that the Department of Motor Vehicles may take as a result of certain charges.